Serial No.: 09/792,360

Art Unit2661 IDS 2000-0660



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PECEIVED Pechnology Center 2600

In re the Application of:

Inventor:

Christopher J. Chase et al

Case: IDS 2000-0660

Serial No.:

09/792,360

Filing Date: Ja

January 30, 2001

Examiner:

Art Unit:

· 2661

Title:

Technique for Ethernet Access to Packet-Based Services

To:

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to taking any action on the above identified application, kindly enter the following amendments to the specification, claims and abstract:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, lines 3-4

A1

This invention relates to a technique enabling access to packet-based services, such as IP, Frame Relay, and ATM, through an Ethernet protocol network.